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Farm News

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Steers being turned on pasture will increase gain with stilbestrol. One 12 milligram stilbestrol implant at the beginning of the pasture season weighing 500-900 lbs., will result in approximately 35 extra pounds for a full pasture season. This extra gain is obtained without a depreciation in quality or lessening the value of the cattle for subsequent dry lot feeding.

Caution: Larger implantations will not materially increase gains but will in most cases depreciate quality resulting in less profit rather than more.

Records at N. C. State show that since 1947 there have been only 11 months through December 1959 when hogs did not sell for at least $15.00 per hundred. In 13 years, hogs sold for less than -15.00, 7% of the time. Over the past 13 years the general price range has been between $17.74 - $24.38.

W eare now in the onion season. Off-flavor can occur if certain practices are not followed: (1) remove cows from pasture several hours before milking and feed hay. Dry cows and heifers can help reduce the onion count. (2) A good spray program in November and again in March with 2,4-D, will in time eradicate the pest.

The hay crop, nationally, has a value of two billion dollars a year, and varies more in quality than any other major crop. Hay of good quality makes a balanced feed on which ruminants can grow normally and produce up to moderate levels. Poor hay is low in nutrients. Research has established three general rules for improving quality of the hay crops: (1) aim for high nutrient content in the growing plants; (2) cut early when nutrients are near peak; (3) dry rapidly to conserve feeding value.

S. L. Kalison, Extension Veterinarian, will discuss "Mastitis Control," Thursday night, April 28, at Pamplin School.

Homemakers Items

Wash or have garments dry-cleaned before storing them for a long time. Insects attack soiled areas and spots first.

That's the timely tip from Extension specialists. They say to turn out pockets, turn down cuffs, turn up collars, and then brush well before washing wool garments or sending them to be dry-cleaned.

After washing, leave cotton and linen garments unstarched. Starch may deteriorate the fabric and attract silver fish.

When storing garments in closets or garment bags, hang them on padded or contour hangers. Ease the shoulders in place, fasten buttons, and close zippers. For storage in chests, boxes, or drawers, fold garments carefully and place tissue paper between the folds.

As added protection against moth damage, add paradichlorobenzine or napthalene flakes or crystals to clean woolens before storing. Follow directions on the container for using the moth preventative. These chemicals do not act as repellents in open closets.

Store bags, boxes, or chests of garments in clean, dry closets or other storage spaces where mildew is not a danger.

When washing a synthetic fabric in an automatic washer, be sure you have a cool rinse to keep out wrinkles. Warm water softens the fibers and wrinkles will form during spinning.

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"What I Expect Of Our Schools"

(Note: We present below another in a series of articles on public schools. Today's article is written by the Rev. James T. Cravens).

The primary objective for each ... is that it will develop to its maximum maturity. This demands ... development of the total personality. Today, we maintain our public schools as an institution for ... develop our children mentally, physically, socially, and morally. The schools must never be charged with the total responsibility for development of personality. ... home, church, and society-at-large must assume their rightful responsibilities and responsibilities.

I believe that all who have anything to do with the teaching of our children in the public schools must accept the fact, "That what I have I give!" The teacher who accepts this fact is well on the way toward maturity himself. Then he will be able to test his own teaching by three principles: a. Clarity —Before the teacher can teach anything, he must know clearly what he is attempting to teach. He must overcome the difficulty of vocabulary, and his subject matter must not be too difficult for him. b. ...patience— remembering that whatever is worth teaching is worth taking time to teach. c. Responsibility— the teacher must be mature enough to accept the responsibility for what he is, for what he does, and for what he says. This will necessitate his being responsible for his own conduct and being capable of guiding his own life.

I expect the teachers to be willing to test themselves and also be willing to be tested by other sources. "Time" is one of these sources. Only what is remembered by the pupil with the passing of years is true teaching. "The Community" itself tests the teacher. His standing in the community is a valid test of his real being. No teacher can teach better than he lives. The teacher must expect his teaching to be "tested by God." The teacher must "concentrate on winning God's approval, on being a workman with nothing to be ashamed of, and who knows how to use the word of truth to the best advantage." (II Timothy 2:15, Phillips). The teachers who can pass these tests will find as William L. Phepps said, "Teaching is wildly exciting, adventurous, romantic, with no two days alike. The successful teacher loves what he teaches, as well as who he teaches."

I believe with teachers and leaders of our schools willing and able to pass the tests set forth and with the cooperation and acceptance of responsibility on the part of the home, churches, and society as a whole, we can come to recapture the true meaning of "success." The dictionary sets forth the definition of success as the "favorable termination of a venture." Society today has accepted the definition—"Success is that state of possessing more than one can take care of wisely," or "Success is having more than the fellow next door." Or, again, "Success is making enough money to keep the wife and kids content." This is evidenced by the fact that "success is no longer something that we do to make the world a better place in which to live." It has become something we do to get all out of the world we can. Because success has lost its moral significance, it has lost its ability to bless man. We must help pupils to know that they can be successful without being voted the best athlete, or the prettiest girl, or the most popular student on the campus.

It must be quite evident that I expect those in leadership capacities of our public schools to be dedicated to the task of helping the individual become his fullest self in life. I also expect the home, church, and society to help the pupil to become dedicated to this end.

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Pastor, Liberty Baptist Church,
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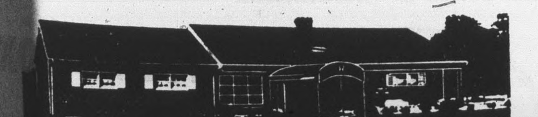

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EARLY GARDENS SOON TO HELP THE FAMILY BUDGET

It won't be long in some sections of Virginia until such early vegetables as rhubard and asparagus will be taking the edge off of the grocery bill, says VPI horticulturist Fred Dreiling.

And early home-grown strawberries will add to the value of the home garden. Dreiling says there are approximately 175,000 gardens in Virginia and their average return is around $250. The specialist says that nearly half of the vegetables eaten in the U. S. are grown in home gardens.

Plant lockers and home freezers have given incentive to the gardener. Nutritionion experts have shown that fresh fruits and vegetables furnish the major portion of the essential vitamins and minerals necessary for good health, and freezing retains a high degree of "freshness."

According to a research study in Virginia, the greatest nutritional lack in foods is in vitamin C. This vitamin is needed for strong blood vessels, good teeth and gums, strong bones, and resistance to infection. Dreiling says tomatoes are one of the better sources for vitamin C.

Many fruit trees can be set out near the garden as part of the home landscaping. Grapes are often used along the yard and in southeastern Virginia pecans make fine shade trees.

Blueberries make an excellent background bush. Pears, apples, and cherries can be grown in the lawn as shade and flowering plants. Dwarf apple trees are most practical from the standpoint of easier pruning, spraying, and picking of the fruit.

Spraying fruit plants is the hardest job to get done, says the specialist. It requires the proper sprayer, spray materials, and timely and thorough applications. But, even after dividing lots with insects and diseases, you can usually get eonugh fruit for home needs if you have planted the proper fruits and varieties.

Early maturing varieties are usually the most successful. One trick in growing grapes without spraying is to tie a paper bag around each bunch just after they bloom. If these bags are left on until harvest time, you will have good sized bunches of well-colored fruit.

If you have birds competing for your fruit, spread a section of cheese cloth over the bushes or grow enough for the birds, too. Blueberries do fine in the home garden, and the fruit is superior to wild huckleberries. The everbearing raspberry is a berry plant which can produce two crops a year. The use of sawdust mulch around raspberries will conserve moisture and make for a better crop.

New Yorker Liked Service in Appomattox

Note: Mr. Marvin House, of the Service Station at Parkway, Route 24, just out of Appomattox, has received the following letter from a New York tourist, showing that it pays to be courteous to those visiting historic Appomattox:

"Dear Sir,

"Permit me to thank you in writing for your great courtesy and help to me and my car on the late afternoon of this April 2. You may remember that, though it was a Saturday and you and your son, who routed out the automobile dealer at Appomattox and got from him, also very kind, a shockabsorber I needed, installed the new part, and gave my car the complete service it needed—after your closing time.

"Such effort, far beyond the call of duty, is very unusual, and has given me great pleasure, as it must others whom you serve in the same way. I hope, as it should, it will bring on greater and greater business prosperity, though that factor is certainly not your prime reason for it.

"I get the impression that to a certain degree your attitude is the result of the great Virginia tradition, put into action today — the code of the Christian gentleman. Of all the states, I have found the Old Dominion the most pleasant to travel in, with the most courteous citizens of all.

"Again, best wishes,
Yours truly,
Charles Christoph
Staten Island, 1, New York.

HEALTH TIPS

During an interview with a mother of 6 children, some very interesting facts came out. This mother, a pretty woman in her middle forties, could easily pass for a woman of thirty-one or two. Her figure was like that of a young girl. Her skin was bright and clear, and so were her eyes.

According to her, it is not difficult to stay youthful and attractive-looking if you start soon enough to keep your stomach muscles tight and work to keep off excess weight. If you are overweight now - start right away to do something about it.

This particular lady did not believe in a great deal of make-up. It doesn't disguise fatigue, so getting enough rest is a "must." Trying to operate on too little rest not ony takes a great toll on your physical appearance but will spoil even the sweetest disposition.

Many doctors agree that no very important decisions should be made if you haven't had sufficient rest. Cleanliness, too, is an all important factor to this busy mother. She stated that she often took two and, during the summer, sometimes three showers a day.

She went on to say that she believes it is very important to look attractive and neat for her family. She has lots of cottons; they are inexpensive to buy and to care for, even doing housework.

The care she gives her complexion is simple, and based on complete cleanliness. She removes all make-up with a light, non-greasy lotion. Next comes a cleaning with soap and water, she believes it is important to be gentle when cleaning your face because hard rubbing will cause muscles to sag.

She thinks a moderate amount of sun is a tonic for the skin and the hair, as well.

The last tip, and the all-important one, is to live a serene life, filled with wholesome pursuits. Too much night life and the acompanying drinking is bad for a person physically and mentally. Moderation in all phases of life is a good rule.

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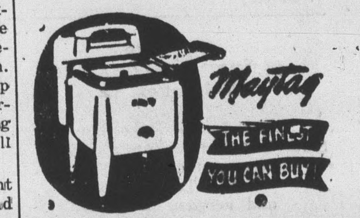

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

More Than Color Blind When It Comes to "Red"

"Red" Dolan has been going to painting class at night at the high school. They had an exhibition and we all went to see what Red had done.

Red's painting was one of the most beautiful there. We stared at it for the longest time, then all agreed it was a painting of a field close to town, and that it showed a woman in the distance who looked a lot like Red's wife. We congratulated our artist on his work. Red smiled, thanked us all, and was quite happy.

When he left, Slim Johnson noticed the title card by the painting. It read: "Storm Scene on The Lake" by Red Dolan.

From where I sit, there are often occasions when we don't see what we're really *supposed* to see. Why sometimes we can't even recognize intolerance when it comes along. For instance, if you begrudge me the right to an occasional glass of beer, that's as intolerant as if I denied you a glass of iced tea. Why don't we step back and take another look at intolerance and *see* it for what it is?

Joe Marsh

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